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DEBATE ON COW MILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has taken any notice of the ongoing nation debate on Cow-milk health hazard; and

(b) if so, the opinion of the National Dairy Development Board thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): National Dairy Development Board has noticed the article published on Cow Milk.

(b): In the opinion of NDDB milk is an important part of human diet.Absence of milk in diet is likely to result in poor growth and susceptibility to various diseases. In a country like India where by and large population is vegetarian, consumption of milk is essential for meeting the nutritional requirement. The three major nutrients of human beings are carbohydrates, fats and proteins. In addition to these humans need various vitamins and minerals which are vital to their health. Bovine milk contains all the major nutrients and most of the micronutrients required by human beings of all ages. There are more than 20 immunogenic proteins in cow`s milk, which help in the development of antibodies against various infections.